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In re Application of:

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FOR: BIOMATERIALS CONTAINING HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVES IN THE FORM OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES FREE FROM CELLULAR COMPONENTS OR PRODUCTS THEREOF FOR THE IN VIVO REGENERATION OF TISSUE CELLS

New York, NY 10036 February 6, 2003

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

## **AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed November 6, 2003. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1 and 24-35 and add the following claims:

36. (new) A method for regenerating in vivo mammal tissue comprising applying in vivo to the site requiring such a treatment a biocompatible biomaterial containing at least one hyaluronic acid derivative selected from the group consisting of esters of hyaluronic acid wherein part or all of the carboxy functions are esterified with alcohols of the aliphatic, aromatic, arylaliphatic, cycloaliphatic, heterocyclic series,